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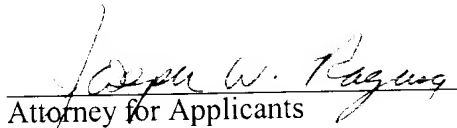
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of a February 7, 2002 International Search Report, conducted by the European Patent Office as ISA, that was issued in a counterpart international application. Several of the references cited on the Form PTO-1449 were cited in the Search Report.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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